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The Iowa Board of Nursing is pleased to be a member of the nurse licensure compact. This new form of licensure and regulation will better protect the public by:

Allowing competent nurses to provide care both physically and electronically wherever care is needed;

Providing the public ready access to and a choice of qualified nurses;

Protecting clients against incompetent nurses or unsafe nursing care through better communication between boards of nursing, cooperative disciplinary investigations and prompt reporting of disciplinary action;

Benefiting employers of nurses by having a more mobile workforce and a convenient centralized database for verification of licensure credentials.



Understanding the basics

- ☒ The nurse licensure compact allows a nurse who resides in a compact state to hold ONE license in the nurse's primary state of residence and practice in all other states in which the compact is in effect. Primary state of residence is where the nurse holds a driver's license, pays taxes and/or votes.
- ☒ The compact requires the nurse to practice according to the laws and regulations of the state in which the nurse provides care where the patient is located at the time the care is provided. The practice laws and regulations for many states are available online. Web addresses are listed at the end of this document.
- ☒ A nurse who is under discipline may be in a monitoring agreement, which restricts practice across state lines.
- ☒ If you hold a license in a COMPACT state and RESIDE in that COMPACT state, your license is a multistate license which authorizes you to practice in any other compact state.

- ☑ If you hold a license in a COMPACT state, but do not RESIDE in that compact state (reside in a non-compact state), your license is a single state license and it authorizes you to practice only in that compact state. For example, if you hold an Iowa nursing license, but do not live in Iowa, the license is a single state license and does not grant you the privilege to practice in any other state.
- ☑ If you are licensed in both Iowa and another compact state and RESIDE in the other compact state, your Iowa nursing license will be administratively placed on inactive status immediately. Only one active license can be held by a licensee among the compact states.
- ☑ The compact does not supersede federal law. Therefore if you are employed in military service or work for the federal government, you may continue to hold a nursing license in any state you choose. If you are working as a nurse in a nongovernmental capacity, you are required to contact the state board of nursing in that state to determine if a nursing license is required.
- ☑ If you **move** from one compact state to another compact state and practice nursing, you must obtain a license in your **new** home state. However, you may continue to practice under the former home state license and the multistate licensure privilege in the new home state for a period not to exceed 30 days.
 - a. The 30-days shall begin with the date of hire/employment in the new primary state of residence.
 - b. If the licensee begins employment before changing primary state of residence, the 30-days begins upon the date that the licensee establishes the new primary state of residence.

Web addresses and telephone number for states boards of nursing that are in the compact are as follows:

Arizona	602-889-5150	www.azbn.gov
Arkansas	501-686-2700	www.arsbn.org
Colorado	303-894-2430	www.dora.state.co.us/nursing
Delaware	302-739-4522	www.professionallicensing.state.de.us/boards/nursing/index.shtml
Idaho	208-334-3110	www.www2.state.id.us/ibn
Iowa	515-281-3255	www.iowa.gov/nursing
Kentucky	502-429-3300	www.kbn.ky.gov/
Maine	207-287-1133	www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/
Maryland	410-585-1900	www.mbon.org
Mississippi	601-987-4188	www.msbn.state.ms.us
Nebraska	402-471-4376	www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/nursingindex.htm
New Hampshire	603-271-2323	www.state.nh.us/nursing/
New Mexico	505-841-8340	www.bon.state.nm.us/index.html
North Carolina	919-782-3211	www.ncbon.com
North Dakota	701-328-9777	www.ndbon.org
Rhode Island	401-222-3352	www.health.ri.gov
South Carolina	803-896-4550	www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing
South Dakota	605-362-2760	www.state.sd.us/doh/nursing/
Tennessee	615-532-5166	http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/Nursing/index.htm
Texas	512-305-7400	www.bne.state.tx.us/
Utah	801-530-6628	http://www.dopl.utah.gov/licensing/nursing.html
Virginia	804-662-9909	www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing
Wisconsin	608-266-0145	www.drl.state.wi.us